General Pool Quarters under the control of Directorate of Estates has been undertaken by the Directorate both on the basis of complaints received and also *suo moto* as per directions of the Government. Accordingly, 102 cases of subletting have been registered in type-I quarters in Sector-2, R.K. Puram.

(b) Surprise checks of quarters have been done *suo moto* as also on the basis of complaints received and the number of quarters detected sublet in the entire R.K. Puram area is 406.

(c) Action against the allotttees of the quarters in suspected cases of subletting has already been initiated as per prescribed procedure under the Allotment Rules and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

Slum dwellers in Hyderabad

1940. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest Census there are more than six lakh slum dwellers in the metropolitan city of Hyderabad alone;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted schemes for housing and other amenities for clearance and Central funds;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The office of Registrar General of India has reported that as per Census of India 2001, the total slum population of Hyderabad City is 601,336 with 309,649 males and 291,687 females.

(c) to (e) The State Government has submitted project proposal for construction of 10,910 dwelling units involving Central subsidy of Rs. 2728.20 lakh in the current financial year (2002-2003) under Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY).

During 2001-2002, an amount of Rs. 1200.00 lakh was released under the scheme for construction of 4000 dwelling units at various slum locations in the State and during the current financial year *i.e.* 2002-2003, an amount of Rs. 57.88 lakhs has already been released under the Scheme as against their Central subsidy allocation of Rs. 2499.55 lakh.

Disaster management study group

1941. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study by the Disaster Management Study Group indicated the 20 per cent of the Capital's population would perish and large scale destruction of property would take place in the event of earthquake over six degree magnitude;

(b) if so, whether Government identified the building which are not having adequate safety measures; and

(c) the measures taken to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) According to the Seismic Zonation prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Delhi falls under Seismic Zone IV. According to the opinion of experts, building stock is prone to damages under high intensity of earthquake measuring 6 and above on Richter scale particularly those buildings which are not constructed according to the safety norms and codes and specifications formulated by BIS. Government has not undertaken any survey of the existing buildings in Delhi.

(c) In 2001, the Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation issued a Gazette Notification (No. 177 dated 21.3.2002) specifying the modifications/additions to the existing Building Byelaws of Delhi to ensure that buildings that are constructed will mandatorily provide for requisite safety features with respect to earthquake forces.

Worse conditions of roads/streets in Jeevan Park Extension

1942. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that conditions of road/streets in